

1500

Year **1500** (**MD**) was a leap year starting on Wednesday of the Julian calendar.

The year was seen as being especially important by many Christians in Europe, who thought it would bring the beginning of the end of the world. Their belief was based on the phrase "half-time after the time", when the apocalypse was due to occur, which appears in the Book of Revelation and was seen as referring to 1500. This time was also just after the Old World's discovery of the Americas in 1492, and therefore was influenced greatly by the New World.<sup>[1]</sup>

Historically, the year 1500 is also often identified, somewhat arbitrarily, as marking the end of the Middle Ages and beginning of the Early Modern Era.

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Events

January–June

- January 5 – Duke Ludovico Sforza recaptures Milan, but is soon driven out again by the French.
- January 26 – Spanish navigator Vicente Yáñez Pinzón reaches the northern coast of Brazil.<sup>[2]</sup>
- February 17 – Battle of Hemmingstedt: The Danish army fails to conquer the peasants' republic of Dithmarschen.
- April 22 – Portuguese navigator Pedro Álvares Cabral officially discovers Brazil, and claims the land for the Kingdom of Portugal. He has 13 vessels with him.

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| <b>Millennium:</b> | 2nd millennium                                        |
| <b>Centuries:</b>  | 14th century · <b>15th century</b> · 16th century     |
| <b>Decades:</b>    | 1480s · 1490s · <b>1500s</b> · 1510s · 1520s          |
| <b>Years:</b>      | 1497 · 1498 · 1499 · <b>1500</b> · 1501 · 1502 · 1503 |

1500 in various calendars

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| Gregorian calendar     | 1500 <div><i>MD</i></div>                                                                                                       |
| Ab urbe condita        | 2253                                                                                                                            |
| Armenian calendar      | 949 <div>ԹՎ ՋԽԹ</div>                                                                                                           |
| Assyrian calendar      | 6250                                                                                                                            |
| Balinese saka calendar | 1421–1422                                                                                                                       |
| Bengali calendar       | 907                                                                                                                             |
| Berber calendar        | 2450                                                                                                                            |
| English Regnal year    | 15 Hen. 7 – 16 Hen. 7                                                                                                           |
| Buddhist calendar      | 2044                                                                                                                            |
| Burmese calendar       | 862                                                                                                                             |
| Byzantine calendar     | 7008–7009                                                                                                                       |
| Chinese calendar       | 己未年 <div>(Earth Goat)</div> 4196 or 4136 <div>—<span> </span>to<span> </span>—</div> 庚申年 <div>(Metal Monkey)</div> 4197 or 4137 |
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## July–December

- July 14 – The Muscovites defeat the Lithuanians and the Poles in the Battle of Vedrosha.
- August – : The Turkish fleet of Kemal Reis defeats the Venetians in the Second Battle of Lepanto. The Turks proceed to capture Modon and Coron, the "two eyes of the Republic".
- August 10 – Diogo Dias discovers an island which he names St Lawrence (after the saint's day on which it was first sighted), later to be known as Madagascar.
- November 11 – Treaty of Granada: Louis XII of France and Ferdinand II of Aragon agree to divide the Kingdom of Naples between them.
- November 16 – Emperor Go-Kashiwabara accedes to the throne of Meiō era Japan.
- December 24 – The Siege of the Castle of St. George ends, and the island of Cephalonia is captured by a joint Venetian–Spanish fleet.
- December 31 – The last incunable is printed in Venice.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Date unknown

- Europe's population is estimated at 56.7 million people (*Spielvogel*).
- Heinrich Cornelius Agrippa is admitted to baccalaureate.
- Saxony's mint at Annaberg begins producing guldengroschens.
- Although other reports exist, it is thought that the last wolf in England was killed this year, making the species extinct in that country. The wolf is thought to have been killed in Allithwaite, in Cumbria. However, reports of wolf sightings and laws concerning wolf bounties existed in rural areas of the north until the 18th century.

## Births

- January 1 – Solomon Molcho, Portuguese mystic (d. 1532)
- January 6 – John of Ávila, Spanish mystic and saint (d. 1569)
- February 7 – João de Castro, Portuguese nobleman and fourth viceroy of Portuguese India (d. 1548)
- February 22 – Cardinal Rodolfo Pio da Carpi, Italian humanist (d. 1564)
- February 24 – Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor (d. 1558)
- March 12 – Reginald Pole, Archbishop of Canterbury (d. 1558)
- April 12 – Joachim Camerarius, German classical scholar (d. 1574)
- April 23

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| Coptic calendar        | 1216–1217                                                                                                         |
| Discordian calendar    | 2666                                                                                                              |
| Ethiopian calendar     | 1492–1493                                                                                                         |
| Hebrew calendar        | 5260–5261                                                                                                         |
| Hindu calendars        |                                                                                                                   |
| - <i>Vikram Samvat</i> | 1556–1557                                                                                                         |
| - <i>Shaka Samvat</i>  | 1421–1422                                                                                                         |
| - <i>Kali Yuga</i>     | 4600–4601                                                                                                         |
| Holocene calendar      | 11500                                                                                                             |
| Igbo calendar          | 500–501                                                                                                           |
| Iranian calendar       | 878–879                                                                                                           |
| Islamic calendar       | 905–906                                                                                                           |
| Japanese calendar      | Meiō 9<br>(明應9年)                                                                                                  |
| Javanese calendar      | 1417–1418                                                                                                         |
| Julian calendar        | 1500<br><i>MD</i>                                                                                                 |
| Korean calendar        | 3833                                                                                                              |
| Minguo calendar        | 412 before ROC<br>民前412年                                                                                          |
| Nanakshahi calendar    | 32                                                                                                                |
| Thai solar calendar    | 2042–2043                                                                                                         |
| Tibetan calendar       | 阴土羊年<br>(female Earth-Goat)<br>1626 or 1245 or 473<br>— to —<br>阳金猴年<br>(male Iron-Monkey)<br>1627 or 1246 or 474 |

- Alexander Ales, Scottish theologian (d. 1565)
- Johann Stumpf, Swiss writer (d. 1576)
- April 27 – Louis, Count of Vaudémont, Italian bishop (d. 1528)
- May 17 – Federico II Gonzaga, Duke of Mantua (d. 1540)
- June 13 – Ernest of Bavaria, pledge lord of the County of Glatz (d. 1560)
- July 2 – Federico Cesi (cardinal), Italian cardinal (d. 1565)
- July 20 – Lorenzo Cybo, Italian condottiero (d. 1549)
- August 16 – Louis Gonzaga (Rodomonte), Italian-French dignitary and diplomat (d. 1532)
- September 5 – Maria of Jever, last ruler of the Lordship of Jever (d. 1575)
- September 7 – Sebastian Newdigate, Carthusian monk and martyr (d. 1535)
- September 17 – Sebastiano Antonio Pighini, Italian cardinal (d. 1553)
- September 26 – Ludovica Torelli, Count of Guastalla (d. 1569)
- October 17 – Alonso de Orozco Mena, Spanish Roman Catholic priest (d. 1591)
- November 3 – Benvenuto Cellini, Italian goldsmith and sculptor (d. 1571)
- December 6 – Nicolaus Mameranus, Luxembourgian soldier and historian (d. 1567)
- *probable*
  - Johannes Aal, Swiss theologian and composer (d. 1553)
  - Charles Dumoulin, French jurist (d. 1566)
  - Wu Cheng'en, Chinese novelist (d. 1582)
  - Heinrich Faber, German music theorist (d. 1552)
  - Francisco de Moraes, Portuguese writer (d. 1572)
  - Mem de Sá, Governor-General of Brazil (d. 1572)
  - Jeanne de la Font, French poet and culture patron (d. 1532)



February 17: Battle of Hemmingstedt



Emperor Charles V

## Deaths

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### January–June

- February 17 – William III, Landgrave of Hesse (b. 1471)
- April 10 – Michael Tarchaniota Marullus, Greek scholar, poet and soldier (b. c. 1453)
- April 12 – Leonhard of Gorizia, Count of Gorz (b. 1440)
- May 29
  - Bartolomeu Dias, Portuguese explorer (b. c. 1450)
  - Thomas Rotherham, English cleric and minister (b. 1423)
- June 19 – Edmund Tudor, Duke of Somerset, English nobleman (b. 1499)
- June 23 – Lodovico Lazzarelli, Italian poet (b. 1447)



Leonhard of Gorizia

### July–December

- July 14 – Íñigo López de Mendoza y Luna, 2nd Duke of the Infantado, Spanish noble (b. 1438)
- July 19 – Miguel da Paz, Prince of Portugal (b. 1498)
- August 18 – Alfonso of Aragon, prince (b. 1481)
- August 26 – Philipp I, Count of Hanau-Münzenberg, German noble (b. 1449)
- August 30 – Victor, Duke of Münsterberg and Opava, Count of Glatz (b. 1443)
- September 12 – Albert III, Duke of Saxony (b. 1443)
- September 15 – John Morton, English Archbishop of Canterbury (b. c. 1420)
- October 1 – John Alcock, English Bishop of Ely (b. c. 1430)
- October 21 – Emperor Go-Tsuchimikado of Japan (b. 1442)
- November 13 – Philip, Prince of Anhalt-Köthen, German prince (b. 1468)



Alfonso of Aragon

### Date unknown

- Antonia of Savoy, Lady Consort of Monaco

### Probable

- Juan Pérez de Gijón, Spanish composer (b. 1460)
- Stefano Infessura, Italian humanist writer (b. c. 1435)
- Fyodor Kuritsyn, Russian statesman, philosopher and poet

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